



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Health has a career opportunity for qualified candidates for the following position:

Title Research Scientist 1 [Classified Competitive]			Salary R30 \$85,861.39 - \$122,529.91
Posting Number 76-22	Position Number 943515	Number of Positions 1	Posting Period * From: 03/21/2022 To: 04/04/2022
Location: 55 N. Willow Street, Trenton NJ			Scope of Eligibility/Open to: Applicants who Meet the Requirements

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This position serves as the subject matter expert in the state HIV Surveillance program for epidemiologic analysis, data management, program evaluation and quality assurance activities. Supervises the correct and timely transfer of surveillance data (eHARS) to CDC. Oversees coordination and management of all AIDS and HIV reports received from field investigators, providers, and HIV electronic data. This position is the first line supervisor to the director of the unit. Performs linkages between eHARS data and databases such as Vital Status, Universal Billing, AIDS Drug Distribution Program, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB among others according to existing surveillance protocol. Has the primary responsibility of ensuring the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of the jurisdiction's surveillance data being collected within the Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS). Provides analyses to prioritize HIV cases awaiting disposition. Performs quality assurance and quality checks regularly. Modifies error checking programs when needed to produce monthly and other periodic data checks. Undertakes activities to follow up underreporting of HIV/AIDS cases, including investigations of laboratory reporting and performance reports for the calendar year to laboratories and providers. Collaborates with internal DHSTS Units -Ending HIV Epidemic, Partner Services, Prevention and Care Treatment - to get complete reporting on HIV/AIDS cases through systems of data sharing and regular feedback loops. This position needs strong SAS skills.

REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / LICENSES)

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.

EXPERIENCE: Four (4) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.

NOTE: A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.

LICENSE: Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle, rather than employee mobility, is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

IMPORTANT FILING INSTRUCTIONS

If interested in this position, you can reply in one of two ways:

- Forward the required documents electronically to:
PSTHIVAIDS@doh.nj.gov
- Mail the required documents to:
**Patricia Laird, Administrative Assistant 1
HIV, STD and TB Services
Reference Posting #76-22
New Jersey Department of Health
PO Box 363
Trenton, NJ 08625-0363**

Required documents:

- cover letter
- resume
- completed application, found at:
<http://www.nj.gov/health/forms/dpf-663.pdf>

** Responses received after the closing date MAY be considered if the position is not filled.*

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- *Newly hired employees must agree to a thorough background check that will include fingerprinting.*
 - *If you are a candidate for a position in our Public Health and Environmental Laboratories, you may be subject to pre- and /or post-employment alcohol and drug testing.*
 - *If you are a candidate for a position that involves direct client care in one of the State facilities/programs, you may be subject to pre- and/or post-employment drug testing/screening. The cost of any pre-employment testing will be at the candidate's expense. Candidates with a positive drug test result, or those who refuse to be tested and/or cooperate with the testing requirement, will not be hired.*
 - *In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.*
 - *In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-7, the "New Jersey First Act", all employees must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you do not live in New Jersey, you have one year after you begin employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.*
 - **The New Jersey Department of Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
 - *RESUME NOTE: Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.*